THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Union Minister of Water Resources has requested the Chief Minister of Karnataka to favourably view the request of Andhra Pradesh.

**Implementation of Stage-IV Cauvery Water Supply Scheme**

2306. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has submitted a proposal for implementation of the Stage IV Phase-I of the Cauvery Water Supply Scheme through financial assistance from Japan Bank for International Co-operation during 2003-04; and

(b) if so, what are the details and the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) As informed by the Government of Karnataka, the "Cauvery Water Supply Project, Stage-IV, Phase-I" has since been completed. The proposal for "Cauvery Water Supply Project, Stage-IV, Phase-II" of the State Government of Karnataka at an estimated cost of Rs. 3672 crore recommended by the Union Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation (Department of Urban Development) has been posed to the Government of Japan on 23.4.2003 for assistance from JBIC under 2003-04 loan package by the Department of Economic Affairs. As per information available, this project proposal has not been approved by the Government of Japan for funding under financial year 2003 package.

**Mahadayi Diversion Project in Karnataka**

2307. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURHTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had kept its approval for the Mahadayi diversion project in Karnataka in abeyance;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Karnataka Government has requested the Central Government to accord early approval to the above project; and